FISCAL NOTE

SJR 724

February 27, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes to amend Article VI, Section 14 of the Tennessee Constitution to authorize the General Assembly to prescribe, by law, the maximum fine that may be imposed without the right to a jury trial; provided, however; such maximum fine may not exceed five hundred dollars. The foregoing amendment shall be referred to the 106th General Assembly and this resolution proposing such amendment be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$20,000 One-Time

Assumptions:

- A one-time cost of \$20,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in certain newspapers as required by this resolution.
- Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election. This publication would occur in the spring of 2008.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director